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FM AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5637

INFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PBOR UN TD

SUBJ: LOS -- REQUEST FOR MINERAL DATA

REF: POS 1101; STATE 148245; POS 880, 7/14/72

RESPONSES BELOW ARE KEYED TO NUMBERED PARAGRAPHS IN STATE 148245.

PART I - OIL AND GAS

1. OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION IN 1972:

	ONSHORE	OFFSHORE	TOTAL
OIL (MILLION BARRLES)	21.9	29.3	51.2
GAS (BILLION CUBIC FEET)	69.5	34.8	104.3

NOTE: ONSHORE-OFFSHORE BREAKDOWN FOR NATURAL GAS IS NOT AVAILABLE. THESE FIGURES ARE BASED UPON ESTIMATE THAT ONE-THIRD OF TOTAL PRODUCTION IS OFFSHORE. ALL 1972 DATA ARE PRELIMINARY.

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## 2. CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION:

	YEARS	ONSHORE	OFFSHORE	TOTAL
OIL	1908-72	1035	310	1345
GAS	1960-72	1010	505	1515

SEE NOTE IN PARA 1 ABOVE.

## 3. PROVED RECOVERABLE RESERVES OF OIL AND GAS AS OF 12/31/72:

IN AUGUST 1972, DEPARTING CHIEF GEOLOGIST IN MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND MINES TOLD EMBOFF THAT T&T HAD ONLY ONE BILLION BBLs OF RECOVERABLE OIL RESERVES. HE DID NOT SEPARATE ONSHORE AND OFFSHORE, BUT WITH DECLINING ONSHORE AND INCREASING OFFSHORE PRODUCTION, PREPONDERANCE LIKELY OFFSHORE (CON). GAS ONSHORE - N.A.; GAS OFFSHORE - RESERVE REPORT BY RYDER SCOTT RESERVES. HOUSTON EARLIER THIS YEAR ON

AMOCO'S OFFSHORE ACREAGE SHOWED 4.5 TRILLION CU.FT. AS

"PROVED AND PROBABLE POTENTIAL", RESERVE DATA ON OTHER OFFSHORE AREAS N.A. (CON).

4. ESTIMATED TOTAL RECOVERABLE OIL AND GAS RESOURCES: NO FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE THAN IN PARA 3 ABOVE, EXCEPT THAT RYDER SCOTT SURVEY SHOWED ADDITIONAL 2.7 TRILLION CU.FT. GAS "POSSIBLE POTENTIAL" AND 8.0 TRILLION CU.FT. "POSSIBLE POSSIBLE", FOR TOTAL OF 15.2 TRILLION CU.FT. POTENTIAL ON AMOCO'S OFFSHORE LICENSE AREA; OTHERS HAVE ESTIMATED AMOCO'S RESERVES AS HIGH AS 20 TRILLION CU.\*5. (CON). OFFSHORE AREAS ADJACENT TO AMOCO'S LICENSE AREA, SOON TO GO OUT TO BID, THOUGHT TO BE PROMISING SOURCES OF OIL AND GAS BUT NO DRILLING HAS YET BEGUN.

## 5. NUMBER OF WELLS COMPLETED DURING 1972:

	ONSHORE	OFFSHORE
COMPLETED AS PRODUCERS	96	47
DRILLING AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	7	3
STARTED DURING YEAR	138	51
COMPLETED DURING THE YEAR	148	70

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ABANDONED WHILE DRILLING	11	18
DRILLING AT END OF YEAR	4	4
FOOTAGE DRILLED	513,691	321,419

NO BREAKDOWN IS AVAILABLE RE OIL WELL OR GAS WELL, BUT SINCE ONLY ASSOCIATED GAS IS NOW PRODUCED, PRESUMABLY THERE ARE FEW IF ANY SEPARATE GAS WELLS. NO WELLS HAVE BEEN DRILLED BEYOND 200 M. DEPTH.

## 6. TOTAL WELLS AS OF 12/31/72:

	ONSHORE	OFFSHORE	TOTAL
PRODUCING	2,669	355	3,024
DRILLING	4	4	8
IDLE	4,275	184	4,459
TOTAL	6,948	543	7,491

7. NO NEW CONCESSIONS WERE GRANTED DURING 1972; THUS INFO IN POS 880 STILL CORRECT. FORTY-EIGHT EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION LICENSES WERE ISSUED TO AMOCO ON MAY 19, 1972, COVERING 263,000 ACRES OFFSHORE FOR WHICH AMOCO ALREADY HELD AN EXPLORATION LICENSE. NONE OF THESE IS BEYOND THE 200 METER DEPTH.

8. OFFSHORE EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION EXPENDITURE 1972: ESTIMATE \$130 MILLION, ALL BY U.S. COMPANIES EXCEPT COST OF ONE EXPLORATORY WELL DRILLED BY DEMINEX-AGIP, SHELL'S 33 PERCENT SHARE IN 14 WELLS DRILLED BY TRINIDAD NORTHERN AREAS LTD., AND GOTT 50 PERCENT SHARE IN 17 WELLS DRILLED BY TRINIDAD-TESORO AND 17 PERCENT SHARE IN TRINIDAD NORTHERN AREAS LTD. VERY ROUGH ESTIMATE THAT COMPANIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES MIGHT HAVE SPENT \$5 MILLION AND GOTT'S EXPENSES MIGHT HAVE BEEN \$10 MILLION. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT 1971 ESTIMATES IN U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PAPER 817 ARE TOO HIGH, MIGHT HAVE BEEN MORE ON ORDER OF U.S. COMPANIES \$100 MILLION, COMPANIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES \$10 MILLION, GOTT \$10 MILLION. THESE 1971 ESTIMATES FOR OFFSHORE ONLY; ADDITIONAL ONSHORE EXPENDITURE MIGHT HAVE ADDED \$15 MILLION TO U.S. COMPANIES, \$5 MILLION TO GOTT, \$5 MILLION TO COMPANIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

## 9. 1972 IMPORTS OF CRUDE OIL UNDER PROCESSING AGREEMENT:

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100.9 MILLION BBLs; EXPORTS: NONE.

1972 IMPORTS OF CRUDE PETROLEUM (NOT UNDER PROCESSING AGREEMENT):  
5.6 MILLION BBLs; EXPORTS 13.1 MILLION BBLs.

1972 IMPORTS OF OIL PRODUCTS UNDER PROCESSING AGREEMENT:  
0.2 MILLION BBLs; EXPORTS 100.1 MILLION BBLs.

OTHER 1972 IMPORTS OF OIL PRODUCTS: 0.2 MILLION BBLs;  
EXPORTS 34.6 MILLION BBLs.

1972 IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF NATURAL GAS: NONE.

PART II - MARINE PLACER DEPOSITS: NONE KNOWN.  
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